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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion in regards to the settlement that was reached in November between Microsoft and the government. I feel this settlement was reached after extensive negotiations and after three years; I am relieved to see a settlement has been reached. I never thought that Microsoft was a monopoly or a threat to the free enterprise system.

Maybe now Microsoft can stop focusing on litigation and begin fully devoting their resources and time to conducting business. As a business owner myself, I know the importance of hard work and diligence to run a business and prosper. I do not believe Microsoft should be punished for being successful at what they do. Is that not what every working American strives for?

Again, I support Microsoft and the settlement. I sincerely hope there will be no further action against Microsoft at the federal level.

Sincerely,


Rod Thornton